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1. I attended a meeting in Mr. Kirkpatrick's office on 12 October 1954 to discuss the initial briefing schedule for the General Clark Task Force and staff.

2. It was announced that the Task Force was composed of the following: General Mark Clark, General Christensen, Eddie Rickenbacker, Admiral Connelly, Donald Russell, Ernest Rawlings. The staff of General Christensen is composed of Colonel Dubbelde, Deputy to General Christensen, Colonel Lane and Colonel Miller. To this list will probably be added two or three people. [] was mentioned as a possibility, inasmuch as he once served with the Agency. It was the considered opinion of this group that it would be better if [] did not serve in this capacity.

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3. It was announced that the Hoover Commission is obtaining security clearances for this group and that they would all be cleared for top secret. Also, they all expect to be cleared and present when our briefing starts on the afternoon of 18 October.

4. The schedules for the briefings for 18 and 19 October were distributed. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the charter of this Committee, insofar as the DD/P area was concerned, had not been clarified. He said that General Doolittle had written to General Clark, suggesting that either he or Franke be retained as consultants to this Committee or be called upon to furnish information concerning the DD/P area. Insofar as we know, General Doolittle has not received a reply to this letter.

5. It was also announced that General Clark would plan to be here personally about once a month and that briefings for him at these times were not to exceed six hours. The Committee has a 31 March deadline to meet for the completion of their report. Their charter has been expanded to include all intelligence activities of the Federal Government.

6. Speakers at all presentations were requested to avoid the use of abbreviations. They were also encouraged to point up our external problems. In this connection, it was suggested that Colonel Edwards emphasize the security hazard which is inherent in the Agency being scattered in [] separate buildings. I also indicated that I would request Mr. Dulles to mention this in his opening remarks. Speakers

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were cautioned to adhere to the schedule and not run overtime.

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7. There seemed to be some concern on the part of Mr. Carey and [] about the handling of classified material. [] was asked to get in touch with Colonel Edwards and make sure that Colonel Edwards got together with General Christensen and/or Colonel Dubbelde and had a meeting of the minds on this. Speakers were also cautioned not to pass out any material during their presentations, and everyone was cautioned to pass all material to this Committee through []

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